

PARIS HEARS GERMAN RIGHT WING IS IN FULL RETREAT; OFFICIAL FRENCH REPORT SAYS LINES ARE STILL UNBROKEN; ENTIRE POPULATION OF ALOST FLEE AS GERMANS APPROACH

GERMAN MOVE TO ALARM U. S. WARNED BY GREY

Anglo-Japanese 'Agreement'
Affecting China Told to
"The Sun."

AMERICAN INTERESTS
SAID TO BE IN PERIL

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—There was
out into the hands of the Washington
bureau of THE SUN to-day a statement
purporting to show that Great Britain
and Japan have effected an arrange-
ment whereby in return for the ser-
vice of Japanese troops in India Japan
was to receive special privileges at the
hands of England.

These concessions were:

1. That Japan is to have a free hand
in China.
2. That henceforth Japanese are to
be admitted to all parts of the British
Empire on terms of entire equality with
members of the Caucasian race.
3. That Great Britain is to lend Japan
\$200,000,000.

According to the statement 25,000
Japanese troops are on the way to
India to put down a disaffection said to
have broken out there. One hundred
thousand additional Japanese troops, it
was said, are ready to embark for a
destination unknown. The inference ex-
pressed, however, is that they are to go
to India.

The Sun was told that all these al-
leged facts had been cabled to Wash-
ington. Their vital importance as bear-
ing on the interests of the United States
was pointed out by the statement that
with such a combination between Great
Britain and Japan not only would the
"open door" in China be closed to the
United States but that the American
Atlantic exclusion policy also would
abruptly break down. Obviously, then,
scrutiny of this statement of present
relations between England and Japan
could not but result in American public
opinion becoming alarmed and turning
against both Japan and Great Britain
for their alleged compact.

The source of the statement was such
that it seemed deserving of careful in-
quiry.

Had sent a Warning.

The most surprising development in
the report was the statement that the
British Embassy had sent a warning ten days
ago that just such a report about the
relations of Japan and Great Britain
was to be put into circulation in the
United States.

Sir Edward Grey sent to the British
Embassy a message stating that the
Foreign Office had received information
that a group of Germans in Shanghai,
China, were planning to disseminate in
the United States reports to the effect
that Great Britain and Japan had
effected an arrangement in the Far East
which would be detrimental to the in-
terests of the United States.

According to Sir Edward Grey's in-
formation these reports were to be put before
the American public by an American said
to possess influential relations with the
State Department and also influential
relations in business circles in New York.

So important did the British Foreign
Office regard the matter that the Am-
bassador was instructed to cooperate with
the Japanese Ambassador here in denying
these reports originating here in Shanghai
and to make their appearance in the
United States as expected.

The coincidence is so strong as to lead
to the conclusion that the statement put
in the hands of THE SUN must have had
at least common ancestry with the reports
which the German group in Shanghai
planned to disseminate in this country.

As for the alleged facts themselves, in
every quarter in which inquiry was made
with the exception of the German Em-
bassy they were met with denials and
refusals to show why they could not pos-
sibly be true. At the German Embassy
it was said that nothing was known about
the truth or falsity of the statement.

No Credence Given.

At the State Department the most vigor-
ous denial was expressed as to every
detail of the alleged arrangement. Every
official of whom inquiry was made was
convinced that if such events had gone
forward, particularly the sending of Jap-
anese troops to India, the United States
would have been advised of it.

At the British and Japanese embassies
similar statements were made in support
of the categorical and unqualified denials
by responsible persons. The British
Ambassador asserted that the Indian
troops were being sent most generously
equipped and money for the support of the
troops in India.

England Fears Air and Sea Attack as German Shells Batter Antwerp

Kaiser Masses 150,000 Sol-
diers, Including 25,000 Na-
val Reserves, in Belgium.

DUTCH NEUTRALITY MAY
BE VIOLATED, IS BELIEF

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, September 29.—News from
Antwerp that the Germans have con-
tinued to shell Antwerp's outer fortifica-
tions with heavy artillery and that
reinforcements which include more than
25,000 German naval reserves are being
massed on Belgian soil have increased
the gloom of that part of the British
public which believes that Germany is
making ready to carry by sea and air
the war into England itself.

The Sun's correspondent has received
a report from the Antwerp correspon-
dent to-night saying that the develop-
ment of the German attack continued
throughout the day with heavy shell
fire on the forts of Waelhem and
Saint Catherine.

The bombardment continues with in-
fernal result at Duffel, ten miles to
the southeast. In Antwerp there were
great crowds of refugees trying to get
out of the area of bombardment when
the German shells from the big guns
began to fall.

Altogether twenty shells fell among
the crowd waiting for a train and al-
most annihilated the crowd of men,
women and children refugees at the
station.

Lierre, which was within the outer
line of Antwerp forts, has been entirely
ruined by the bombardment.

Armored trains advanced along the
line near Duffel and did great execu-
tion among the German outposts.

Continue Artillery Attack.

The enemy's position to-day shows
clearly that the Germans mean to con-
tinue a heavy artillery attack upon
Antwerp. One reason advanced for this
is that the Germans hope thereby to
extort from the Belgian Government an
armistice which would release the Ger-
man army now tied up to cover the for-
tress.

The German plan is to use the heavy
siege artillery from a distance. In the
field the Belgian forces still hold their
superiority in this area, but the Ger-
man heavy artillery cannot be answered
effectively.

In connection with this speculation as
to the German plans, special signifi-
cance is attributed to the announce-
ment of the British Admiralty to-day,
closing the east coast of England to
the fishermen beginning Thursday.

These naval reserves were brought to
Brussels from Kiel and Hamburg and
now, it is reported, are being prepared
for an attack upon England.

Although the exact number of Ger-
man troops now in Belgium is not
known here, reports from Brussels say
that since last Monday enough troop
trains have passed through that city to
bring the total up to at least 150,000
men.

Reports Guerrilla Warfare.

One detailed bit of information was re-
ceived in London to-day from a traveler
just in from Antwerp, who says that the
country surrounding that city is now
experiencing a most remarkable ex-
hibition of guerrilla warfare.

The traveler informs the Central
News that it has become a nightly oc-
currence now for the Belgians to make
sorties around Antwerp, each morning
at daybreak the Belgians returning from
their attacks upon the German outposts,
carrying the Belgian wounded.

As scarcely a night passes without the
killing of German sentries, interspersed
with the blowing up of German trains,
the Belgians defending Antwerp had
begun to be known among their enemies
at the time the Central News's infor-
mant left Belgium as the "Black Rats."

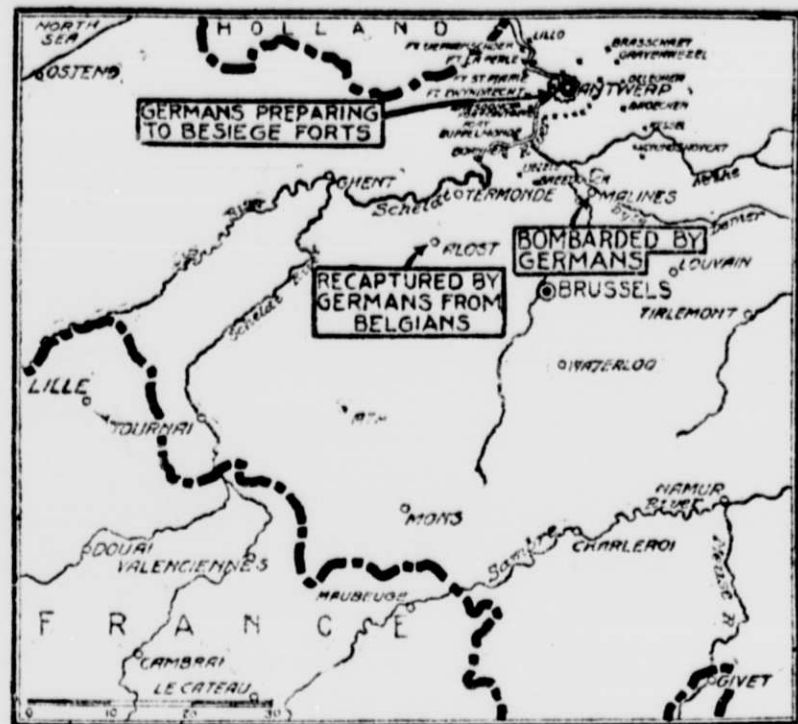
From Antwerp to-day it is reported
that the Germans have destroyed about
one-fourth of Tournai, one of the most
ancient towns of Belgium, with a pop-
ulation of 38,000. A war contribution
of \$400,000 has been levied upon the
city.

Noted Citizens Arrested.

A large number of Tournai's most
noted citizens have been placed under
arrest by the Germans. The same des-
patch adds that Antwerp has learned
that before the war began a number of
heavy German guns had been taken to
the Namur region and concealed in a
stone quarry belonging to Germans.

It is believed in London to-night that
a siege of Antwerp by the Germans

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Alost, according to a report received in London from Paris, has been
ordered evacuated of its inhabitants by Belgian authorities.

The bombardment of the outer defenses of Antwerp has begun
by the Germans, and the Belgians are prepared for a vigorous defence.

The renewed German activity in Belgium is believed to indicate a
strong offensive movement against Antwerp and Ostend. These two ports
the Germans apparently wish to make into naval bases from which to
threaten the English coast.

A British force is reported to be marching across northern France
toward the Belgian border, and against it the Germans are hurrying
troops.

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

FRANCE.—A report from Paris reached
London at midnight that the German
right is broken and is in full retreat,
pursued by the allies. Another report
is to the effect that the 22,000 inhabi-
tants of Alost have abandoned the
city by order of the Belgian authori-
ties.

The official communiqué yesterday
giving the extent of the battle line,
and the positions of the French says
that the line begins at Pont-a-Mons-
son on the east, passes along the
heights of Verdun, through Var-
ennes and Rheims, along the north
bank of the Aisne to Ribecourt and
from there northward across the
Somme between Albert and Comblis.

The two forces are very close in con-
tact on the west, as towns a few miles
distant are reported as being occupied
by opposing forces.

RUSSIA.—A report from Petrograd
says that the Russians attacked Tar-
now and a battle is now in progress
there. The Austrians are making a
strong resistance, but are greatly out-
numbered. The Russians with Tar-
now in their possession will have
removed the last obstacle in their way
to Cracow. It is reported that the
advance toward Breslau will begin
immediately.

The German army which advanced
from Lyck is making a desperate
effort to reduce Oswiec, eighteen
miles within the Russian frontier.
There is also reported to be severe
fighting in the forest of Augustoff.
It is reported that the Russians will
not attempt the capture of Cracow.

but will merely isolate the place, as
they have done at Przemyśl.

CHINA.—It is officially announced that
the Japanese fleet is bombarding the
harbor forts at Kiaochow and that
the Japanese land forces have driven
the German from one of the out-
lying ring of forts and are
now occupying the high ground
overlooking the German defenses.
The bridge over the railroad at Tay-
hu, six miles west of Wei-Hsien, was
blown up by Chinese troops. The
Japanese troops have been operating
in this vicinity. No information was
obtainable from Peking as to whether
the bridge was ordered blown up or
not by the Government. It is said
that the Chinese President is anxious
to avoid difficulties with Japan, but
on the other hand it is pointed out
that the army officials are under Ger-
man influence and that the Chinese
have mobilized large numbers of
troops in Shantung province.

Says Kaiser's Son Looted Chateau

Destroyed Rare Pictures and
Jewels Near Champaubert.
Says Baroness de Baye.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—The Baroness de
Baye writes to the *Matin* as follows:
"The Crown Prince remained for two
days at the Chateau de Baye near
Champaubert, Marne. He pillaged the
chateau, smashed the windows and de-
stroyed the results of the Baron's
twenty-eight years of archeological
work, including State arms, unique
jewels, medals, carved gold cups,
presents from the Czar, Bismarck, tapestries
and miniatures. We had the rarest
pieces of furniture and pictures packed,
but were forced to leave the chateau
owing to the heavy retreat."

"The aged servants, remaining faith-
ful to their duty, witnessed the scenes
and did not allow the imperial burglar
to massacre them in the chapel,
which he had no time to burn, as he
wanted to. He laughed as he looked
at the Virgin in the chapel, as doubtless
his father laughed on leaving the
cathedral of Rheims burned. He
crushed under his heel as he left the
portraits of the Czar and Czarina."

Two Armored Zeppelins Building at
Friedrichshafen.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

GENOVA, Sept. 29.—The building of two
armored Zeppelins is being rushed at the
factory at Friedrichshafen to replace
Zeppelins lost in the war.

Workmen are at work day and night
and the factory is under the guard of a
Bavarian regiment and a gumbot on
Lake Constance.

Kiel Fleet Soon Ready to Act

New Guns Are Being Rushed
Aboard Battleships. Say
Travellers.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 29.—The entire
German fleet will soon be ready for bat-
tle, according to travellers who have
just reached here from the Kiel Canal.

They say that new guns with which
the Krupp have been experimenting for
at least two years are now being rushed
aboard the German dreadnaughts, and
armored cruisers placed in position. The
canal, say the travellers, is filled with
warships, including many dreadnaughts.
Long trains are arriving steadily,
loaded with big guns for these vessels,
and the arsenals are humming with
workmen day and night.

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BELGIANS ORDER ALL RESIDENTS OUT OF ALOST

As Germans Approach, Every
Man, Woman and Child
Abandons Place.

LEAVE HOUSES OPEN
AND LARDERS FILLED

By HUGH MARTIN.

Special correspondent of THE SUN and the
London "Daily News."
Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

GHENT, Sept. 28.—What in some of
its aspects is the most remarkable
incident in the whole course of the
Belgian campaign occurred to-day by
order of the Belgian military authori-
ties. Alost has been evacuated by the
entire civilian population of 33,200. Not
a Belgian remained in the place at 3
o'clock this afternoon.

This is in answer to the crime of
Termonde. That town was wiped out
with a completeness never known in
history and in the process hundreds of
defenseless people perished. To save
Alost, three times its size, from a similar
fate the Government has taken the
wise though sensational step of order-
ing its complete abandonment to the
last man, woman and child.

If the Huns destroy it now they will
be doubly cursed. Not a soul remains
to challenge their right.

Yesterday morning there were 40,000
civilians quietly pursuing their voca-
tions under the shadow of the coming
terror in Alost and the surrounding vil-
lages. When the place was entered by
the German forces this afternoon it was
as quiet as a sepulchre.

Leave Food For Soldiers.

What is happening to-night we can
only guess, but we know that when the
German advance guard came it found
the doors of all the houses open, food in
all the larders ready to be eaten, wine to
be drunk and beds to be slept in—all
that an army could desire—all but
something to kill.

I imagine the soldiery drinking the
wine of Alost to-night as it drank the
wine of Termonde, piling the bottles
high around the statue of the Flemish
poet, Prudens Van Duyse, where two
days ago I still found them. The pic-
ture has been burnt into my brain as a
counterpart of another picture—the
picture of the flying populace along the
road to Ghent, weeping or grim lipped,
penniless, exhausted, mute.

It is not possible yet to obtain fully
coherent accounts of what led to the
present evacuation, but I will attempt a
general outline.

Yesterday afternoon the Germans
sent a body of spies, some fifty in num-
ber, disguised as refugees from villages
farther afield. They came and melted
away. Then more "peasants" appeared,
bringing their household goods on little
carts drawn by dogs—which are uni-
versally employed in Belgium.

Belgian lancers and cyclists were in
strong force in the centre of the town
and the streets were full of people,
many of them preparing voluntarily for
the trek which afterward became com-
pulsory and universal.

Germans' Daring Raid.

Suddenly the "peasants" swung round
their little carts, flung away the cover-
ings from their contents, and poured a
hail of lead into soldiers and civilians
alike.

On the Ghent road this afternoon I
saw a woman, conspicuous by her sois,
among the ten of thousands in the
lamentable procession. She had lost her
two children, one shot in the neck, the
other in the forehead. Several women
also were killed in this piece of work.

That night imperative orders were
given for every person in Alost and the
villages round about to leave the fol-
lowing morning for Ghent. From day-
break onward they have been stream-
ing out by the high roads. The pitiable
crowd hardly escaped the bombardment.
At 10 o'clock shells began to drop in
the town. I have spent most of the day
on the road watching the flood of mis-
ery roll by.

As far as the eye could reach the
highway teemed with painfully moving
people bowed beneath the weight of
their most necessary or treasured
possessions. Nuns, priests, middle aged
bourgeoisie bereft of the savings of a
lifetime, peasants with ox carts, tot-
tling children, aged women—these and
many more moved forward like way-
worn cattle in bewilderment and sor-
row, helping one another, cheering one
another.

CHAS. E. MATTHEWS—DESKS.
Nov. 21, 24th St. Complete office outfit,
—46c.

London Hears That the Allies Have
Victoriously Completed the Great
Turning Movement Against
the Army of Von Kluck.

FURIOUS GERMAN ATTACKS
ON FRENCH LEFT REPULSED

Seventeenth Day of the Battle of the Aisne
Finds Invader Still on Defensive and
Driven Back at Some Points.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, September 30.

A despatch from Paris to the Exchange Telegraph Company,
the publication of which has been permitted by the official bureau,
which does not, however, confirm the report, says:

"It is stated here to-night (Tuesday) that the
German right has been entirely broken and is now
being pursued by the allies.

"All the automobiles in northern France have
been requisitioned for the purpose of pursuit.

"Armored motor cars with mitrailleuses are also
being used to pursue the retreating enemy.

"The official communication issued at 3 o'clock
demonstrates unmistakably that the Germans have
been surrounded in the Somme Department, the
French front extending further east.

"It is officially stated that Peronne has been
recaptured."

The statement issued by the Official Press Bureau at midnight
says:

"There is practically no change in the situation.
The allies have had some heavy fighting, but they are
well holding their own."

There is evidently great confidence in France. The Paris
correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" hints that official news
is out of date. He declares that the worst is over and the best
may be hoped for.

SAYS VON KLUCK OFFERED TO YIELD.

A despatch from Paris yesterday af-
ternoon said that Gen. von Kluck had
offered to surrender to Gen. Joffre, the
French commander in chief, if the Ger-
mans were allowed to retire to Ger-
many. He offered to guarantee that
none of the Germans would again take
up arms during the war. According to
this report Gen. Joffre declined to ac-
cede to these terms.

Still another report was that the Ger-
mans have been surrounded in the
Somme district and that the allies' flank-
ing movement was being extended
further east. The German right wing,
according to this despatch, was retreat-
ing from its fortified position between
the Aisne and the Somme. It was be-
lieved that the German centre army is
now in grave danger.

A wireless despatch from Berlin says
the German official statement of the
operations in northern France quotes
solely the French news from the Aisne.
This is regarded here as significant.

The official German statement, ac-
cording to the wireless despatch, says:
"French accounts of the battle of the
Aisne state that the fighting is contin-
ued with unprecedented bitterness.
Many places have been stormed and
evacuated again about a dozen times
a day. Every day each foot of ground
is contested to the utmost."

A despatch from Amsterdam quotes
refugees arriving at Ghent as saying
that a strong column of British and
French troops is marching east in
northern France toward the Belgian
frontier.

The refugees say that the Germans
evidently are aware of the move and are
hurrying troops to meet it.

SAYS GERMANS ARE IN RETREAT TO BELGIUM

By STEPHEN BLACK.

Special correspondent of THE SUN and the
London "Daily Mail."
Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 29.—Private infor-
mation received here from Berlin says
that before the retreat of the Germans
in France to the western frontier their
commissariat broke down completely
for a fortnight and a majority of the
troops lived on bread and water. So
great were the sufferings that many of
the troops went to the hospital suffer-
ing from nervous breakdown and many
became insane.

A report published here to-day states
that a reputable man who arrived at
Ostend from Brussels states that thou-
sands of exhausted Germans are pour-
ing into Brussels from the south.

[This despatch, coming from an
independent source, seems to lend
color to the reports of a retreat by
the Germans. The correspondent
speaks of "the retreat to the western
frontier" of Belgium as if it were
something already known in New
York and London.]

The official communiqué issued at
2:55 P. M. to-day was as follows:

First—On our left wing to the
north of the Somme and between
the Somme and the Oise the enemy,